

**McLean Citizens Association
Board of Directors Meeting
September 11, 2013 Minutes**

Officers (6)

President	Sally Horn	Present
First Vice President	Glenn Harris	Present
Second Vice President	Armand Weiss	Present
Treasurer	Bill Crosby	Present
Recording Secretary	Louise Epstein	Present
Corresponding Secretary	Nicki Watts	Present

Board Members Representing Associations (20)

John Adams	Georgetown Pike & Potomac River	Absent (excused)
Donald Borcharding	Brookhaven Forest Villa	Present
Steve DelBianco	Franklin Area	Absent (excused)
Bill Denk	El Nido	Present
Louis (Bud) Freeman	McLean House North Council	Present
Jane Greenstein	Chesterford	Substitute (John Elligers)
Francesca Gutowski	Lynwood	Present
Ron Hutchinson	Evermay	Present
Bruce Jones	Lemon Road	Present
Tom Patton	Hamptons	Present
Michele Pearce	Kirby Road	Present
David Pritchett	Treeline	Present
Jim Robertson	Evans Mill Pond	Absent (excused)
Suzanne Samuels	Langley Oaks	Absent (excused)
John Schaefer	McLean Broyhill Estates	Absent (excused)
Behram Shroff	McLean Hamlet	Present
Dale Stein	Millwood of McLean	Present
Jim Turner	McLean Hunt	Present
David Wuehrmann	Ellison Heights-Mt. Daniel	Absent (excused)
Marisa Zalmanis	Lewinsville Heights	Present

Board Members At-Large (14)

Ted Alexander	Present
Roshan Badii	Present
Jeff Barnett	Present
Tom Brock	Present
Frank Crandall	Absent (excused)
Andrea del Vecchio	Present
Darren Ewing	Present
Animesh Gupta	Present
Rob Jackson	Present
James Phelps	Present
Jane Scott-Jones	Absent (excused)
Patrick Smaldore	Present
Kathryn Woods	Present
Mark Zetts	Present

Guests who signed in: Laura Sheehan from the Marlborough-Nantucket Association and Lisa Mariam from ConnectMcLean.org.

Call to Order

Sally Horn called the meeting to order at 8:00 pm. Attendees stood for a moment of silence in memory of the victims of 9/11 and their families and those who have perished in service to the U.S.

Sally announced that the membership committee was providing bottled water and cookies, and would appreciate donations to fund refreshments at future meetings.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes from July were approved unanimously by voice vote, with additional changes from Sally Horn on the discussion of RSUs.

Treasurer's Report

Bill Crosby presented the Treasurer's Report, which was approved unanimously by voice vote. See attachment. The report shows about \$4500 in deposits, mostly from membership dues payments. If all the current members renew next year, the mass mailing will earn a profit.

Report of President/Executive Committee

MCA has scheduled the following public events so far for 2013-14, and board members should attend and encourage their friends and neighbors to also attend. Unless otherwise indicated below, the events will be held at the McLean Community Center.

- (1) Emergency Preparedness Forum at 7 pm on September 26;
- (2) High School Start Times Meeting at 7:30 pm on October 16;
- (3) Candidates' Night on October 22, which starts at 6:30 pm;
- (4) Proposed Residential Studio Unit Zoning Amendment meeting at 7:30 pm at McLean HS, October 30;
- (5) Homeowners Association Forum at 7:30 pm on November 13; and
- (6) Meeting with new FCPS Superintendent at 7:30 pm January 22.

Sally Horn asked for volunteers to represent the MCA on the Ad Hoc Library Committee for the Federation of Citizens Associations.

Committee chairs should provide updated information on their committee web pages to Sally, Nikki Watts and Marisa Zalmanis by October 2, and draft reports for the next MCA Newsletters to Sally Horn and Nikki Watts by October 10. In particular, chairs are encouraged to send information about agenda items and guest speakers at upcoming committee meetings.

Budget and Taxation Committee

Dale Stein reported that the committee will focus on the county operating budget and try to have outside speakers from the county and an advocacy group on each issue. The committee has discussed capital borrowing and employee benefits.

Arthur Purves, the president of the Fairfax County Taxpayers Alliance, will be meeting with the committee at its next meeting. Len Wales, former County Debt Manager, is scheduled to speak to the committee about capital borrowing during the October meeting.

Education and Youth Committee

Ted Alexander reported that the committee had decided to focus on four topics and thanked individual committee members for taking the lead on each of these issues.

Environment, Parks & Recreation Committee

The County Park Authority has a meeting on McLean Central Park, September 23, 7 pm.

The county is considering an archery program to reduce deer herds.

The committee is monitoring proposed changes in the storm water ordinance. The Federation of Citizens Associations is looking at whether all taxpayers should fund improvements that benefit residents of one homeowners association.

Membership Committee

Armand Weiss reported on the committee's multi-pronged approach to attracting new members and that membership had more than doubled after the mass mailing. The bylaws provide that each individual membership is \$15.

Marisa Zalmanis is working on social media for the MCA, and asked board members to "like" the MCA facebook page.

Planning and Zoning Committee

Mark Zetts reported that the committee will consider three proposals at its September meeting. The first involves a playground set in Franklin Park that is out of compliance. The second relates to a bell tower with wireless antennae at Andrew Chapel Methodist Church. The third involves proposed changes to the Elm Street portion of the McLean Comprehensive Plan.

Mark Zetts updated the board on the proposed amendment for Residential Studio Units (RSUs), which will be the topic of a special MCA public meeting on October 30, 2013. Board members are encouraged to come prepared with detailed questions, so the public can obtain more information about the implications of the RSU staff proposal. The MCA will post Mark Zetts' powerpoint on the MCA web site, to provide the public with more information.

Jim Turner discussed the proposal to almost double the size of the Ashby in the McLean Planning District. The MPC had been asked by the Ashby developers to vote on whether they could accept Ashby's proposed density for the site. While a formal vote was not taken, the

sense of the Board membership was that the Ashby's proposed density of 2.9-2.95 Floor to Area Ratio was too high and should be opposed. Further, the sense was that the Ashby developers needed to engage with MCA on their proposal; their last briefing to MCA was well over a year ago. Sally Horn therefore suggested that the MCA representatives to the MPC also urge the MPC to defer this issue until there has been more outreach.

Transportation Committee

Jim Phelps reported that the committee met with the Virginia Department of Transportation, and the shoulder lane addition to the inner loop of the Beltway should be finished in 2014. The Committee has a special subcommittee on sidewalk installation on streets in the MCA area, including Kirby Road and Rt. 123.

Public Safety Liaison

Patrick Smaldore asked board members to help publicize the public meeting on September 26 regarding emergency preparedness.

McLean Community Center

Patrick Smaldore reported that the MCC is working on its FY 2015 budget, and there is a motion to maintain the tax rate at 2.2 cents per \$100.

McLean Planning Committee

Jim Turner reported that the MCA has 4 out of 16 votes on the MPC, which is considering the Ashby proposal. MPC's goal is to create a more inviting downtown, but most proposals will also require additional density and more residential development.

McLean Revitalization Corporation

Roshan Badii reported that the MRC may establish a committee on the Business Improvement District concept. Gateway signs need approval from VDOT. The MRC is looking for volunteers to plant and maintain landscaping in public areas, and interested parties should see Roshan.

Fairfax County Federation of Citizens Associations

Rob Jackson reported that the Federation would be voting on the Executive Board's resolution regarding RSUs at the Federation's meeting on September 19. The Federation also is considering structural issues regarding the extent to which Homeowners Associations should determine the members of a Federation committee.

Fifty-Plus Liaison

Jim Phelps reported that the McLean Village for Change meeting is scheduled for October 23.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 pm.

The next MCA Board meeting date is October 2, 2013

**McLEAN
CITIZENS
ASSOCIATION**

**TREASURER'S
REPORT**

11-Sep-13

Checking Account					
	DATE	CHECK #	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	BALANCE
Beginning Balance	7/10/2013				\$10,322.05
Additions					
	7/18/13		Dues (Checks)	\$3,750.00	
	8/1/13		Dues (Paypal)	\$15.00	
	8/12/13		Dues (Paypal)	\$14.26	
	8/23/13		Dues (Checks)	\$555.00	
	8/23/13		Contribution (Check)	\$70.00	
	9/6/13		Dues (Checks)	\$180.00	
			Total: Additions	\$4,584.26	\$14,906.31
Deductions					
	7/11/13	1186	Lettercomm for mass mailing printing & bundling	\$2,746.50	
	7/16/13	1187	KKP Business Solutions for 11 tent placards	\$39.01	
	7/18/13	1188	KKP Business Solutions for 2 tent placards	\$22.23	

Total: Deductions					\$2,807.74	
Checking Total Current Value						\$12,098.57
Certificates of Deposit						
CD NUMBER	RATE	REPORT DATE	MATURES	AMOUNT		
3000102773	APY 1%	8/6/13	1/17/15	\$5,858.79		
3000102774	APY .75%	7/31/13	3/2/14	\$5,731.74		
3000103064	APY .5%	8/1/13	6/12/14	\$5,909.13		
CD Total Current Value						\$17,499.66
Net Worth (Checking+CD)						\$29,598.23

Checking account and certificates of deposit are at SONA Bank in McLean.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Crosby,
Treasurer